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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

September 1, PROMETHEUS, British steamer, 1,383, J. K. Webster, Liverpool 16th July, for Singapore 26th August, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

September 2, YANGTSE, British steamer, 814, Schultz, Whampoa 2nd September, General—SIEMSEN & CO.

September 2, SIGNAL, German steamer, 335, C. Hundewadt, Pahoki 27th August, Hooch 30th, and Macao 1st September, General—SIEMSEN & CO.

September 2, DIAMANT, British steamer, 514, McCuskin, Manila 30th August, General—RUSSELL & CO.

September 2, PALOS, American gunboat, T. Nelson, Shanghai 24th August, and Amoy 31st.

September 2, YUNOCKING, Chinese steamer, 761, Lincolin, Shanghai 23rd August, General—C. M. S. N. CO.

DISPARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

2ND SEPTEMBER.

Phra Chula Chom Kiao, Brit. str., for Swatow. Fokien, Brit. str., for Amoy.

Berencic, Austro-Hung. str., for Singapore.

Arratous Apoor, British str., for Singapore.

Signal, German str., for Heliopolis.

Elba, German str., for Amoy.

City of New York, Amer. str., for Yokohama.

Canopus, British str., for Shanghai.

Socorro, British str., for Foochow.

Prometheus, British str., for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.

September 1, PEKING, British str., for Shanghai.

September 2, PROPHETS, British str., for Saigon.

September 2, ALWINE, German steamer, for Haiphong.

September 2, IRANADY, French str., for Manila.

September 2, PHRA CHULA CHOM KIAO, Brit. str., for Bangkok.

September 2, FORKIN, British str., for Tamsui.

September 2, FREDERICK, Danish str., for Haiphong.

September 2, SOOCHEW, British str., for Australia.

September 2, BEEBE, British str., for Trieste.

September 2, ABRATOON APCAR, British str., for Calcutta.

September 2, CANTON, British str., for Shanghai.

September 2, CITY OF NEW YORK, Amer. str., for San Francisco.

September 2, CRUSADES, British str., for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Diamonds, str., from Manila.—Mr. Oscar Banks, and 41 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per IRANADY, str., from Hongkong.—For Seligman, P. R. Simonson, R. A., Sergeant A. Crawford, and Col. G. W. L. G. G. and 12 Chinese.—Messrs. Vigore, Therille, Beur, and Bousis. From Shanghai. For Marcellin.—Messrs. Gammon, John Deeth, D. Jackson, Byres, and Mason.

Per Berencic, str., for Singapore.—51 Chinese. For Triesta.—Mrs. O. Moran.

Per CANTON, str., for Shanghai.—Messrs. Oscar Banks, W. J. Watkins, and Manzelli.

Per CITY OF NEW YORK, str., for Yokohama.—Messrs. H. H. Andrew and J. Ongard, and 1 Chinese. For San Francisco.—1 European and 12 Chinese. For Liverpool.—Mr. N. R. O'Connor.

REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer Yanting, from Shanghai 29th August, reports had brisk southwesterly to moderate and light variable breezes and fine weather all the way.

The German steamer Signal, from Pahoki 27th August, Hooch, and Macao 1st September, reports had fine weather throughout, with light E.N.E. winds.

The British steamer Distances, from Manila 30th August, reports had light N.E. winds and fine weather to lat. 20° N., thence to port variable wind and rainy weather.

The American gunboat Palos, from Shanghai 24th August, and Amoy 31st, reports fine weather, light winds and calms, or turns about northwesterly breeze and moderate sea.

The British steamer Prometheus, from Liverpool 10th July, and Singapore 26th August, reports had fine weather from London to Port Said, name passage in Canal, leaving Suez on the 1st August to bid moderate N.W. wind, had way over 20° S. E. wind, and fine weather with the Gulf of Aden, then had a very strong S.W. monsoon for 18 hours, after which moderate monsoon and fine weather to Penang. Arrived at Penang on the 17th August, and Singapore on the 19th. Left Singapore on the 20th at 3 p.m., and arrived at the anchorage at 7 p.m., 1st Sept. Had a fine passage up, light and moderate winds, generally S. to S.W., fine weather.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

19. Wuchang, British str., from Tientsin.

19. Ngauwan, British str., from Hankow.

19. Wha-ou, British str., from Hankow.

19. Canton, British str., from Hongkong.

19. Hiroshima Maru, Jap. str., from Japan.

19. Felling, British str., from Amoy.

19. Ningpo, British str., from Ningpo.

19. Ching-chang, British str., from Nagasaki.

19. Cyclone, British str., from Liverpool.

19. Dardana, British str., from London.

19. Yehu, Chinese steamer, from Tientsin.

20. Yangtse, British str., from Hongkong.

20. Ingo, German str., from Nagasaki.

20. Heuer, German str., from Korea.

20. Peulhi, British str., from Swatow.

20. Ilo, British str., from Penang.

20. Kung-wo, British str., from Ningpo.

20. Hoo-yan, Chinese str., from Tientsin.

20. Tai-wei, British str., from Hankow.

20. Heron, British str., from Shoo-poo Roads.

20. Nardo, British bark, from Hakodate.

21. Siu-naung, British str., from Tientsin.

21. Kiang-pu, Chinese str., from Ningpo.

21. Elba, German str., from Amoy.

21. Kiang-yan, Chinese str., from Amoy.

21. Kiang-chou, Chinese str., from Wenchow.

21. Polymnia, German str., from Hamburg.

21. Waples, Chinese str., from Kiating.

DEPARTURES.

19. Nanjing, British str., for Nagasaki.

19. Yoritomo Maru, Jap. str., for Kuching.

19. Yuen-wei, British str., for Haukow.

19. Kutseng, British str., for Swatow.

19. Dardana, British str., for London.

19. Ngauwan, British str., for Amoy.

19. Kiang-pu, Chinese str., for Ningpo.

19. Kiang-yan, Chinese str., for Hankow.

20. Kowshing, British str., for Chefoo.

20. Pao Hua, British str., for Hankow.

20. Sun, British str., for Hankow.

20. Str. of Gibraltar, Brit. str., for Yokohama.

20. Ilohang, British str., for Hankow.

21. Dardana, British str., for London.

21. Ngauwan, British str., for Hankow.

21. Tsoon, Chinese str., for Amoy.

21. Wuchang, British str., for Chefoo.

21. Ingo, German steamer, for Nagasaki.

21. Hua-ou, Chinese str., for Chefoo.

21. Wha-ou, British str., for Hankow.

21. Kiang-pu, Chinese str., for Ningpo.

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of Victoria from an objectionable and non-productive portion of the population.

The Russian Government are playing a rather deep game. They are moving all along the line, and would seem to intend business in some direction—probably where events most favour their designs. The Etoum incident already belongs to the past; Lord ROEDERER protested against the violation of the Berlin Treaty, and there doubtless the matter will end—for the present. The intrigue in Bulgaria to evict Prince ALEXANDER having failed, the author of it, who appears to be the Russian Consul at Sofia, will be sacrificed, and all responsibility for his actions repudiated by the St. Petersburg Government. The demand for Erzerum said to have been put forward is left in abeyance. But the last card in the hands of the Muscovite wire-puller seems to be making the Chinese Government dance. The Peking Authorities have become alarmed at the reports current of Russian designs on Port Lazareff, and have despatched a Squadron to Korean waters to watch the progress of events. The danger must have appeared very real to the Chinese Government, for in the excitement it has created the recent affair at Niushik is been put on one side, and the squadron suddenly despatched to the scene. Of course, it may turn out that all the alarm will end in smoke; and no doubt when Russia finds that her object is unattainable she will endeavour to convince the Chinese that she never had such an object in contemplation. But this is not the first time that an attempt by Russia to gain a footing in the peninsula kingdom has been reported. In what way it has been made—if at all—we have no actual proof, but rumour says the Russian Representative has been working the Korean Foreign Minister for the cession of Port Lazareff, and when no notice was taken of his demands he sought by bullying and threatening to provoke some return which he could turn into a pretext for aggression. So far, if used, these tactics have proved unsuccessful, but if persisted in would eventually, in all probability, be crowned with success, as far as the Koreans are concerned. Left to their own devices the Seoul Government would quickly become a prey to Russian intrigue, and ere long the country would be swallowed up in the vast dominions of the Autocrat of all the Russias. To prevent such a consummation is the interest of England, China, and Japan. The presence of Russia at Seoul and Pusan would be a constant menace to both the latter, and it would be a serious threat to the supremacy of England in the Pacific. The United States though not perhaps vitally interested at the moment, would confound Russian influence preponderant in the Far East to be anything but advantageous to American trade, and the fact perhaps explains the despatch of an American man-of-war to Korea to watch things. It is very unlikely, we think, that masters in Korea will be allowed to drift into a dangerous complication. The Great Bear, as usual, will retire baffled and growling, but not despairing. The evidence given of his aggressive intentions should suffice to render the Powers interested more than ever in the alert to checkmate similar efforts in the future.

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ATTENTION has frequently been directed in these columns to the great undesirability of allowing squatters to form communities on the hill sides, especially near the city. Some years ago a number of evil smelling rookeries were collected among disused granite quarries near Belcher's Point, and the nuisance from the pigies kept by these squatters became so intolerable and dangerous to health that the Authorities were at length compelled to evict them. A far worse rookery is, however, been gradually forming on the hill side above and at the back of the Glass Works in Kennedy Town. Quid is a large village of matchbox in all stages of dilapidation has grown, up, and some hundreds of Chinese exist there under most insanitary conditions. The presence of this tumble-down collection of shanties above Kennedy Town must be detrimental to the health of those employed in the manufacture of that rising locality and is calculated to interfere with the growth of its property. A further indictment against the squatters' village, and certainly one of equal gravity, is that it is a sort of Alcatraz, in which criminals and bad characters of all kinds find a refuge and a hiding place. The existence of such a place constitutes a danger to the community and considerably augments the work of the Police. When the criminals are living, even in the most squalid dens, as the Chinese do, in the most desolate parts of the city, they make a descent upon this village, and its denizens without withstanding any accord, probably all being well satisfied in their own minds that there was reason enough for the search being directed against themselves. The Police, we have reason to know, consider this place dangerous, and depredations are no doubt committed by the squatters on the adjacent plantations, from which it is reasonable to suppose they draw their supplies of firewood. The village ought never to have been allowed to be formed, but when it was first established the district was isolated from Victoria. Now, however, that the Pagan has been extended to Kennedy Town, and the reclamations have brought it into immediate contact with the other parts of the city, it is high time that this disgraceful and insanitary collection of hovels should be removed, and its inhabitants compelled either to live in decent habitations or to go whence they came. If any of them can have any just interest, they have, we believe, never paid any rent to the Crown, and the huts they occupy are only fit for a bonfire. The fewer Chinese squatters we have in this Colony the better it will be for the community, and we hope the Government will take early steps to at least free the environment

The Acting Superintendent informs us that the P. & O. steamer *Anas*, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore for this port on Wednesday, the 1st instant, at 4 p.m.

The *Commerce* hears that the Civil Government of Manila has recommended the deportation of 273 Chinese who have not taken out the necessary papers and cannot find securities.

The *Novo Vremya*, in an article on Cotton Cultivation in Russia, expresses the opinion that its expansion in Central Asia would enable Russian manufacturers to find the markets of Asia, and render English competition impossible.

The game for the Spanish gunboat *Alfonso*, which arrived here yesterday from Shanghai via Amoy, reports having seen a steamer ashore on the west side of the Yellow Rocks, near the Lantau mock's light. We have no news to have them there for some time, with the high wind and dry sea, down. Probably it is the wreck of the British steamer *Breamshire*.

The Philippines and China (says a Manila paper) hitherto hampered by heavy fees levied by Spanish consuls at Chinese ports on vessels from Manila will shortly have some chance of being relieved from these burdens. A new scale of consular fees has been fixed to be in force for a year or two, at which period more satisfactory arrangements will be made.

The approaching change of the monsoon is heralded by the alteration of the days of departure of the mail. The next English mail leaves here on the 17th, the next on the 18th, the next English mail on Friday, the 24th, and the next French mail on the 30th inst., after which both mails will leave on Tuesday, commencing with the English mail on the 12th proximo.

As will be seen by reference to our Supreme Court report there were nearly three appeals heard yesterday before the Full Court against decisions by Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes, as Acting Police Magistrate. The cases were charged of unlicensed possession of prepared opium, which the defendants were convicted and fined. Only one case was fully heard, the others not being discussed owing to some technical difficulties in the course of procedure. In the case discussed the Magistrate's decision was upheld.

The N. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Amboina*, while on a voyage from New Guinea, narrowly escaped becoming a total loss. She was in the Sunda Islands on the 17th July, when the cargo was lost in the hope that she would float out, but as she still remained fast, the chief officer left in a prau in search of assistance, and at Ambon fortunately met the steamer *Bali*, man-of-war, not with, which was to the scene of the disaster, and the *Amboina* was got off and proceeded on her voyage, having sustained, so far as was known, no damage.

The following paragraph from the Manila *Comercio* of the 27th August apparently refers to the Commission recently appointed to inquire into the condition of the Chinese abroad. We hope that the high Chinese passenger expected will be called before the Commission, and the *Amboina*

After visiting Manila it appears that they will go to Java. They have left Hongkong in the *Zefiro*. The *Zefiro* left on the 26th. The Admiral is a half-caste from Fuzhou. He is called Ong Eng-hoo, and is a very amiable person. The Minister of Justice, or Judge (Tio) is called Yeo Yeng-mei, and is a native of Canton.

The CHAIRMEN expressed his readiness to continue to act as Treasurer, and he was unanimously re-elected.

The election of a committee was then proceeded with the election of the treasurer for the sum of 1000. The only members chosen for re-election were Messrs. G. S. Coxon, A. J. Leach, and R. K. Leigh. The gentlemen elected were Lieut.-Col. Anderson, Lieut. Graham, Messrs. G. S. Coxon, A. J. Leach, R. K. Leigh, and W. B. Bruce-Roberts.

Mr. TRAVERS said with regard to his election as Secretary, he hoped to be re-elected as Secretary of the Committee, and the members of the Club. There were certain members who attended the Club regularly almost every night, and if they saw anything that might be improved,

he hoped they would suggest it to him. He should only be too glad to listen to them and do what he could, and to bring everything desirable before the Committee. He hoped members would assist him in much the same way as they did for the matches. It will save the Secretary great trouble if they would answer his hints at once. (Applause). He should like to propose a vote of thanks to the retiring Secretary, Mr. Foss, for the able way in which he had looked after the affairs of the Club since Mr. St. Crelx left. (Applause).

Mr. LEACH seconded the motion, which was carried.

The oldest teacher of the St. Joseph's College, Brother Edmund, took his departure home, via Colombo, yesterday in the M. M. steamer *Frederick*. He was accompanied on board the packet-boat by almost every one of his old pupils and friends in a steam launch, who had come to see him off. The old teacher was in suitable terms, thanking them very much for their kindness, and others after dinner was given. After eleven years of hard work he retires on the best terms with all his old pupils, who were all very much affected by the sudden departure of their respected master. The following is the address:

To the Rev. Dr. Edmund.

Rev. Sir,—On the eve of your early and unexpected departure from Hongkong, we your old pupils came to the peaceable place where you have been so long and so gratefully to us, and said to us, "We will keep you for as long as we were at school. The sudden news of your departure makes us feel very much distressed, and deprives us of the pleasure of seeing you again." We will keep you in our hearts, and in our thoughts, and in our memories.

There are many and many of your old pupils who will be too glad to see this, but the hurried way in which this is got up makes it difficult to keep them back.

With many thanks for your good wishes, and for your kind words, we bid you adieu, and hope that you will be a good man to us all.

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